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Representations from secondary grade teachers.

* 1786 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been received from the secondary grade teachers in the Government service regarding their grievances as to their status and pay ; and

(b) if so, whether they have been considered and whether any decisions have been arrived at thereon ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Libraries

Alleged auction of newspapers in the Connemara Library.

* 1787 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the newspapers (various dailies) that were preserved in the Connemara Library were sold away in auction ?

A—Yes.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know where the public are to get these papers if they are to be sold away ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ As has been answered already these newspapers were destroyed because the Superintendent of the Connemara Library brought to the notice of Government that unless Government are prepared to build a new building for housing these old newspapers they should have to be destroyed, as in the existing building there is absolutely no room for them. Government thought that the library could be better utilized by putting other literature there and so they recommended that it would be best to destroy these newspapers.”

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—“ Do Government realize that these newspapers contain a lot of information and so are very valuable and that with a reference to them we can write the history of the times.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ That is not a supplementary question.”

• Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ Will it not be possible to Government to keep newspapers for a fixed period of time and then destroy them at the lapse of such period ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ That is exactly the policy and practice of Government. For ten years all newspapers are kept and then they are destroyed.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ Will it not be better to keep important papers than indiscriminately destroying all of them ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I think the Superintendent of the Museum has found that these papers are of no use and therefore he recommended their destruction.”

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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know what is the amount of money realized by auction?" (Laughter.)

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It was not a question of realizing money. But as I explained a short while ago it was more a question of finding room for them."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"But still may I know what is the amount of money realized?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether in the destruction of newspapers any distinction was made between dailies and other papers?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Most of the newspapers were dailies. I don't know whether there were any other newspapers in those destroyed."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that the public think that the Government have committed an atrocious crime in having destroyed these newspapers?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That is not a supplementary question."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Provision for religious and moral instruction from the income of mutts and temples.

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* 1788 Q.—Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of mutts and temples with an annual income of over Rs. 10,000 which have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and the number which have not yet done so;

(b) the number of mutts and temples with an annual income of over Rs. 10,000 in respect of which the Board has framed schemes and the number of cases in this category in which the Board has appointed paid superintendents or supervisors;

(c) the qualifications and the method of recruitment prescribed for or followed by the Board in appointing such paid superintendents;

(d) the number of cases in which the Board has included a provision in the schemes framed by it for free religious and moral instructions at the expense of the mutts and temples concerned;

(e) the number of annual budgets submitted by mutts and temples in which provision is made for free religious and moral instruction; and

(f) whether the Government propose to take any action to compel mutts and temples to allot a portion of their income to provide free religious and moral instruction?

A.—(a) Fourteen mutts and 142 temples have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Board, while 5 and 31, respectively, have not yet done so.

(b) Schemes have been framed by the Board in respect of two mutts and 20 temples. Paid superintendents, etc., were appointed by the Board in respect of the two mutts and of 12 temples.